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Opportunity Area 4: User and Resource Environments

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RAISE

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FAIR-EASE

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OA 4 Objectives and Approach

Approach

We discussed challenges that are frequently encountered, with VREs at the center.

- We had presentations of the EOSC consortias
- We had demonstrations of VREs
- We discussed problems
- We had an interactive hands-on session
- We stared at code !!!!!1111!!!

Objectives

- Overview of EOSC tools and services facilitating data transfers, data discovery and data access as well as tools and services to orchestrate heterogeneous IT infrastructures.
- Align previous, current, and future VRE activities.



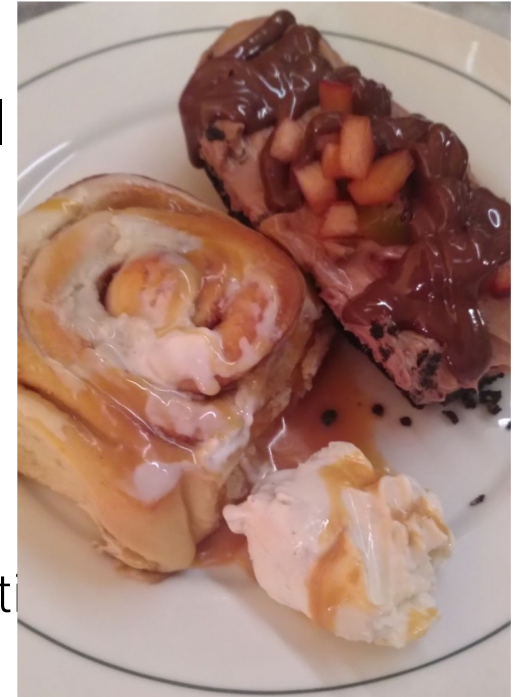
OA 4 Session – Tuesday Afternoon

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 - the dessert (Cinnamon rolls 😊) was worth to stay until late in the restaurant



OA 4 Session – Wednesday Morning

- EGI services, esp. Infrastructure Manager (IM) in action by AI4EOSC
- Galaxy tool development and Galaxy interactive tools (Jupyter, Desktop) for earth-systems (FAIR-EASE)
- Discussion highlights:
 - How does the IM works, who can use it
 - Metadata description of tools and services enable automatic Galaxy integration
 - How does Galaxy deal with containers (CVMFS, Docker, Singularity, podman ...)



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- Free style! Ask anything session
- Discussion highlights:
 - How does Galaxy work a deep dive
 - How does a USER get storage (MinIO S3) provided by EGI IM into Galaxy
 - FAIR workflows scheduled to Italy via distributed compute
- Conclusions:
 - distributed compute is possible for every user
 - data integration can be done on a user level
 - UX is essential for VREs



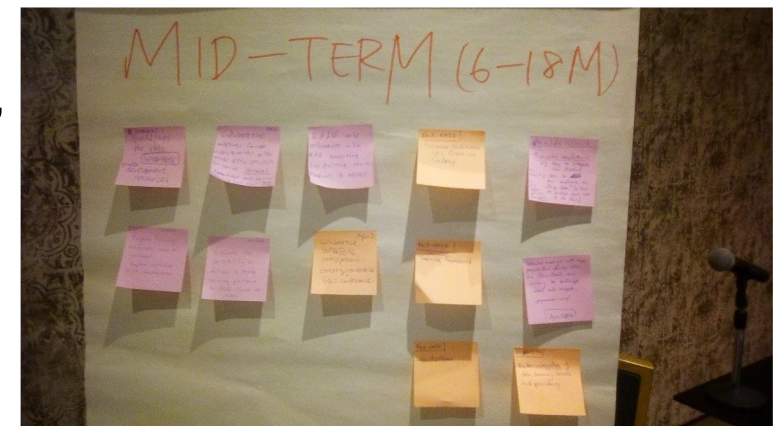
OA 4 Next Steps

Short-Term Opportunities / Priorities (next 6 months):

- FAIR-EASE + Aqualnfra (replicate infrastructure)
- RAISE + AI4EOSC
- Quality Research Software (examples, best practices)
- 100.000 users
- EGI-checkin integration with Galaxy

Medium-Term Opportunities / Priorities (6-18 months):

- make use of more fancy AAI features (MFA, vetting ...)
- Hackathon, Hackathon, more technical meeting, Hackathon,
- better integration of data discovery across EOSC projects
- common training framework (GTN?) → Skills4EOSC
- Guidelines for VM



Did we mention already ...

HACKATHON



Brainstorm



Development



Programing



Timing



Teamwork



Goal

OA 4 Next Steps

Long-Term Opportunities / Priorities (18+ months):

- Project starter kit (for follow up projects, TNG)
- explore evolution from VREs to trusted VREs (ENTRUST)
- (more) hardware resources and its sustainability
- sustainability concerns



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And we will meet regularly - probably as part of the HE Technology Group - and we will get our tangible points from our 6 month list done.

